



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **January 3, 2012**

Lt. Todd Menmuir reported that on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 12:14 am, Central Communications was contacted by a motorist, William Bednarik, calling on his cell phone to report he had driven off the roadway and was seeking help. The motorist was uncertain of his whereabouts. Central dispatch was able to locate a general area for the motorist through global positioning on the motorist's cellular telephone. The motorist was located approximately five (5) miles away from where he reported himself to be.

The investigation concluded that the motorist was operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The motorist had failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle, which was a 2011 Honda Accord, had driven into a drainage ditch and side-swiped a tree before coming to a final rest. Fortunately no injuries resulted. The motorist was processed for OVI and later booked into the Lake County Jail.

Sheriff's Office dispatchers, Monica Patterson and Michael Legan, did a phenomenal job tracking this cellular telephone call, and directing Deputies to the intoxicated motorist in distress. As noted earlier, this motorist was five (5) miles from where he reported to the dispatcher. He explained in his call that he went off the road on Route 44. He was found on Breezewood Drive in Concord Township. Had it not been for the tracking by these dispatchers, he would not have been found for some period of time.

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